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Former Insurance Agent Charged with Insurance Fraud

James D. Knoll, a former insurance agent, was charged in Keith County Court on November 6, 2006, for six felony counts of insurance fraud. Mr. Knoll was accused of diverting insurance premiums paid by the Keith County Agricultural Society on six different occasions between November 7, 2003 and October 8, 2005, each constituting a Class III felony.

Mr. Knoll is also being charged with one Class IV felony for issuing a counterfeit insurance policy or certificate of insurance.

Mr. Knoll waived his right to a preliminary hearing and the matter has been bound over to District Court.

Mr. Knoll's charges are the result of an investigation conducted by the Department of Insurance, Fraud Prevention Division.